

House Resolution 8 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

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HAGENOW, DEYOE, SODERBERG, WORTHAN, MOORE, BYRNES,
BALTIMORE, MEYER, MOMMSEN, HOLT, BROWN-POWERS,
GAINES, SANDS, HUSEMAN, PETTENGILL, HEDDENS,
FINKENAUER, STUTSMAN, WINCKLER, ISENHART, LYKAM,
COHOON, DOLECHECK, McCONKEY, ANDERSON, GASSMAN,
T. TAYLOR, HUNTER, JACOBY, NUNN, WESSEL-KROESCHELL,
HANSON, OLSON, OLDSON, WOLFE, HALL, BEARINGER,
KAUFMANN, WINDSCHITL, SEXTON, KLEIN, RUFF,
RUNNING-MARQUARDT, STECKMAN, BACON, BAXTER,
GUSTAFSON, FORBES, KRESSIG, DAWSON, ROGERS, COWNIE,
OURTH, PAUSTIAN, DUNKEL, STAED, KEARNS, GASKILL,
PRICHARD, SMITH, LENSING, BENNETT, MASCHER, SALMON,
MAXWELL, L. MILLER, FRY, UPMEYER, FORRISTALL,
HANUSA, JONES, PAULSEN, DRAKE, KOESTER, STANERSON,
BRANHAGEN, RIZER, HEARTSILL, WILLS, GRASSLEY,
SHEETS, R. TAYLOR, CARLSON, KOOIKER, HEIN, HEATON,
BEST, and HIGHFILL

1 A Resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the
2 milestone achieved by the first African Americans to
3 serve in the Iowa General Assembly, the Honorable
4 Willie Stevenson Glanton and the Honorable James H.
5 Jackson.
6 WHEREAS, in 1880, the Iowa Constitution was amended
7 to allow African American men to serve in the Iowa
8 General Assembly; and
9 WHEREAS, in 1926, the Iowa Constitution was
10 amended to allow women to serve in the Iowa General

1 Assembly; and

2 WHEREAS, in 1965, Willie Stevenson Glanton and James
3 H. Jackson became the first African Americans to serve
4 in the Iowa General Assembly as members of the Iowa
5 House of Representatives during the 61st Iowa General
6 Assembly; and

7 WHEREAS, 2015 marks the 50th anniversary of this
8 important milestone in the history of Iowa and the Iowa
9 General Assembly; and

10 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives should
11 celebrate and inform all Iowans of the history of the
12 Iowa General Assembly and its members, especially
13 members who represent historic firsts and exemplify the
14 ideal of the citizen legislator; and

15 WHEREAS, both Willie Stevenson Glanton and James H.
16 Jackson distinguished themselves during the 61st Iowa
17 General Assembly, working on important legislation on
18 civil rights and housing discrimination while serving
19 on several committees, including appropriations and
20 education; and

21 WHEREAS, Willie Stevenson Glanton was a trailblazer
22 throughout her career as she was the second African
23 American woman to be admitted to the Iowa Bar, the
24 first African American woman to become an assistant
25 county attorney in Polk County, the first African
26 American attorney in the Iowa office of the United
27 States Small Business Administration, and the first
28 African American member of the Des Moines City Council,
29 all culminating in her induction into the Iowa Women's
30 Hall of Fame; and

1 WHEREAS, James H. Jackson, a native of Waterloo
2 and graduate of the University of Northern Iowa,
3 distinguished himself throughout his career in both the
4 public and private sectors, teaching in the Waterloo
5 public school district and later becoming a pioneer for
6 other African Americans in corporate America, holding
7 senior management positions with Pepsi-Cola Bottling
8 Company, ITT, Citibank, and CIGNA; NOW THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
10 the House of Representatives honors and recognizes
11 the important contributions both Willie Stevenson
12 Glanton and James H. Jackson made to this state as the
13 first African American members of the Iowa House of
14 Representatives and as trailblazers and pioneers in
15 both the public and private sectors throughout their
16 careers.